

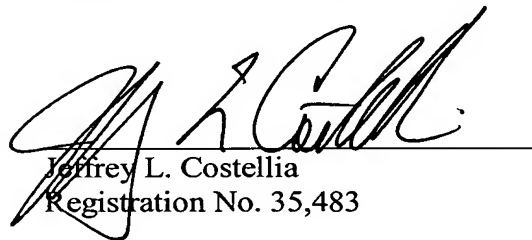
REMARKS

Applicant respectfully request that the instant application be amended as provided above. Specifically, claims 1-6 are amended to recite additional features of the present invention. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Claims 1-12 are now currently pending in the instant application.

Examination on the merits is now respectfully requested.

If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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